



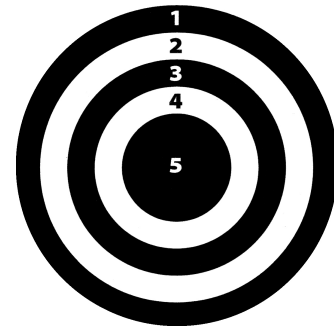
Volunteers with Green Thumbs Needed

Our “Welcome To Parma Woods” area needs some sprucing up. If you are interested in helping with this project, please call training center staff at 816-891-9941. Thanks!

Range Rule to Remember

“Case and Uncase Firearms Inside the Booth”

When shooting at Parma Woods, we require shooters to case and uncase their firearms inside the booth. We have this rule for several reasons. If shooters uncase their firearms outside the booths, it would be easy to point them in an unsafe direction. Muzzles must be pointed either straight up or downrange at all times. Also, by having this rule we ensure that no one is trying to case their firearm during cease-fires, causing an unsafe situation. Many people are in a hurry to leave once they have retrieved their target frames. By not allowing them to case their firearms outside the booths, they are forced to wait until the line is cleared before handling firearms. This is just one of the rules that we have at Parma Woods to ensure a safe shooting environment.



Parma Woods Shooting Range & Training Center
15900 NW River Road
Parkville, MO 64152
816-891-9941

Range Hours: Wednesday - Sunday
May 1 - September 15: Noon - 7 pm
September 16 - April 30: Noon - 4:30 pm

Parma Woods

Shooting Range & Training Center

Spring 2004



My First Spring Turkey Hunt



by Danny Johnson
Training Center Supervisor

I vividly remember my first Spring turkey hunt that my dad let me carry a gun. He gave me his old Winchester single-shot 12 gauge hammer gun. The gun was light enough for me, but it was long and it took everything a 10 year old could muster to cock the hammer. But hey, it was a real gun. I was actually going to be hunting, not just tagging along.

Opening day started early for me. The excitement of the event had made sleeping difficult, so when the alarm finally sounded, I was up and ready. After a quick breakfast we headed off into the darkness towards a distant ridge.

We were hunting a big chunk of hardwoods, hills and rocks in Benton County near Edwards. It was property that my dad had hunted for years, so he knew the terrain well.

I remember the day as being slow in regards to gobbling activity. Nothing close, just scattered far-off gobbles. When dad decided we should change locations, we

slowly walked down an old logging road. The old shotgun that I carried seemed to be getting heavier as we made our way down the ridge. One time I let the barrel of the gun hit the ground in front of me as we walked. This prompted a stern look from my dad and a quick review of the safe gun handling rules that had been drilled into my skull for years.

My excitement was waning when we stopped and sat on a log overlooking a wide valley. Dad would call every so often while I poked in the dirt with a stick. My mind was off of turkey hunting and on lunch when a thundering gobble made me drop my stick and grab for my gun. Dad clutched my arm and whispered to me that three big toms were slowly working their way up the hill towards us. I, however, couldn't see them because of some brush that I was too short to see over. The birds would answer each yelp my dad put out, and seemed to be right in our laps, but I still couldn't see them. My dad gave me a frustrated glance and said to stand up and shoot the closest tom. I could tell my dad was getting a little antsy as I tried to cock the old shotgun. Finally, he reached over and cocked the gun for me. I gathered my wits and

stood up. The birds immediately saw me and began to putt and mill about nervously. My dad, in a loud whisper, was telling me to shoot. But try as I might, I couldn't get the barrel of the gun to settle on one of the bird's heads. As the toms started to run, I fired what was best described as a desperation shot in the general direction of one of the birds.

The recoil of the heavy turkey load knocked me backwards over the log I had been sitting on, and when I hit the ground the button on my pants flew off, never to be seen again.

The walk back to camp was long. Especially when you're 10 years old, carrying an empty shotgun in one arm, holding up your pants with your other hand, and enduring the constant snickering of a dad who thinks he just witnessed the funniest thing he has ever seen.

Things are a little different these days. Youngsters just getting started in hunting or the shooting sports don't have to rely on dad's hand-me-downs. Most firearms makers market a pretty good selection of youth guns that make learning to shoot safer, more comfortable, and a lot easier on your butt.

Spring Events Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, all classes are free to the public.
Call (816) 891-9941 ext.4 to register or for more information.

Hunter Education Class

Call (816) 655-6250 ext. 0 to register.
For students 11 years and older.
April 3 (Sat.), 8 am - 6:30 pm

Shotgun Patterning

Get your shotgun sighted in for the turkey season.
April 3 (Sat.), 9 am - 10 am

Turkey Hunting Seminar

Learn the basics of spring turkey hunting.
April 7 (Wed.), 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Ladies Firearms Safety - Part 1

For women interested in learning about firearms safety and shooting.
April 10 (Sat.), 8:30 am - 11:30 am

SlimeTime

Learn about snakes, frogs, and lizards.
Great for home school programs.
April 12 (Mon.), 10 am - 11:30 am

Shotgun Patterning

Sight in your gun for the turkey season.
April 14 (Wed.), 6 pm - 7 pm

Archery Turkey Sight-In

Sight in your bow for the turkey season.
April 17 (Sat.), 1 pm - 3 pm

Intro to Rifle Shooting - Part 1

Learn how to shoot a long gun.
April 23 (Fri.), 6 pm - 8 pm

Intro to Rifle Shooting - Part 2

Learn how to shoot a long gun.
April 24 (Sat.), 9 am - 11 am

Youth Archery Instruction

Kids 8-14 learn how to shoot a bow.
April 28 (Wed.), 6 pm - 8 pm

Intro to Handgun - Part 1

Learn how to shoot a handgun.
April 30 (Fri.), 6 pm - 8 pm

Intro to Handgun - Part 2

Learn how to shoot a handgun.
May 1 (Sat.), 9 am - 11 am

Wildflower I.D.

Learn about Missouri wildflowers.
May 5 (Wed.), 10 am - 11:30 am

Ladies Firearms Safety - Part 2

For women who have completed Part 1.
May 8 (Sat.), 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Reloading Metallic Cartridges - Part 1

First of 2-part introductory class.
May 10 (Mon.), 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Adult SlimeTime

Learn about snakes, frogs, and lizards.
For adults 21 and older.
May 12 (Wed.), 11 am - 12:30 pm

Firearms Safety in the Home

How to safely keep firearms in the home.
May 14 (Fri.), 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Pellet Gun Interactive Shooting

Learn how to safely shoot “fun” targets.
May 15 (Sat.), 9 am - 11 am

Reloading Metallic Cartridges - Part 2

Second of 2-part introductory class.
May 17 (Mon.), 6:30 pm - 8 pm

.22 Rifle Marksmanship Class

Learn how to become a better rifle shot.
May 19 (Wed.), 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Panfishing Basics - Part 1

Learn the basics of fishing for panfish.
May 21 (Fri.), 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Panfishing Basics - Part 2

Gone fishin’.
May 22 (Sat.), 9 am - Noon

Introduction to Camping

Learn camping basics.
May 26 (Wed.), 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Pellet Gun Interactive Shooting

Learn how to safely shoot “fun” targets.
May 29 (Sat.), 9 am - 11 am

Shotgun Cleaning

Get your “turkey gun” clean.
June 2 (Wed.), 6 pm - 7 pm

Ladies Shoot Free Days

Thursdays in June are free shooting days for ladies.
June 3, 10, 17, 24

Youth Squirrel Hunt Orientation

Apply for limited hunt at Parma Woods.
June 4 (Fri.), 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Youth Squirrel Hunt

Limited youth hunt at Parma Woods.
June 5 or 6 (Sat. or Sun.), 7 am - 10 am

Outdoor Movie Day

Come indoors and enjoy the show.
June 7 (Mon.), 10 am

Becoming an Outdoor Woman - Rifle

Ladies interested in learning how to shoot a rifle can enroll.
June 7 (Mon.), 6 pm - 8 pm

Becoming an Outdoor Woman - Archery

Ladies interested in learning archery can enroll.
June 8 (Tue.), 6 pm - 8 pm

AR Frenzie

Owners of “black” rifles are welcome to swap shooting tips with others.
June 12 (Sat.), 9 am - 11 am

.22 Rifle Interactive Target Shooting

Learn how to safely shoot “fun” targets.
June 16 (Wed.), 6 pm - 8 pm

Panfishing Basics - Part 1

Learn the basics of fishing for panfish.
June 24 (Thur.), 6 pm - 8 pm

Panfishing Basics - Part 2

Gone fishin’.
June 25 (Fri.), 6 pm - 8 pm

Meet the Staff

Parma Woods is staffed full time by Danny, Tim, and Jon.
They are here to assist you doing everything from monitoring the firing line to teaching workshops.



Danny Johnson

Danny is the Parma Woods Training Center Supervisor and oversees the main operations of the range. He graduated from Central Missouri State University with a B.S. degree in Public Relations and Marketing.



Tim Miller

Tim is a Range Officer and coordinates public use of the range for activities such as workshops. He graduated with a M.S. degree from Southwest Missouri State University.



Jon Carney

Jon is Parma’s Resource Aide and supports range operations. He graduated from Kansas State University with a B.S. degree in Park Resource Management.



Parma Woods Offers More Than Shooting

For a change of pace, explore the northern portion of the conservation area by hiking the 1.3-mile trail. Be prepared for hilly terrain and swollen creeks following heavy rains. You might even catch a glimpse of a deer or turkey.

